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"Butting In."

with their Government," and Mr. Adamson presides. WILSON'S firm announcement further alter it for them."

Mr. PERKINS does not address the the chairman of the executive committee of the national Progressive this formerly portentous but now quiescent organization gives a certain political flavor to the communithe accuracy or the force of the document. Mr. PERKINS tells Mr. WILSON plainly but respectfully what a great many other Americans would like to have the chance to tell him.

For example:

"When you refused to recognize HUBETA you certainly 'butted in' in

"In the manner in which you butted in' in Mexico is found the root of all the trouble and humiliation to which our country has been subjected, not only with Mexico but other foreign countries The gentle spirit of hospitality all as well."

"When you 'butted in' in Mexico you smanded that our flag be saluted. You sent our troops to Vera Cruz. You brought our dead away and left our conor behind. You shandoned your demand that our flag be saluted."

"The result is that our prestige to day in every foreign capital is at a ower ebb than ever before reached, and believe that very many Americans join me in the feeling that all this is directly traceable to the fact that at

whom it shall fall some day to recount in enduring prose the good and the bad deeds of the Administration of WOODBOW WILSON will carefully preserve this fearless and veracious memorandum on "butting in" in Mexico now contributed by the Hon. GEORGE W. PERKINS.

Indeed, it may even be said that in this remarkably direct and forcible letter Mr. PERKINS has furnished not only material for future history but also evidence of his own capacity to be the historian in case the political and financial affairs of the national Progressive party should perchance cease by and by to engross his attention.

Desirable Details Omitted.

Postmaster-General Burleson in his annual report points out the great cost of free rural delivery service, ous problem to the Allies and compil- Oscar II. into Christiania. and it is regrettable that he did not cate the already perplexing Grecian automobile free rural delivery service could be operated at approximately horse shay method. To be sure sub- kans by the Allies.

might out in the middle West; that line in the East practically free from ministration another, with the result We'll simply have no show at all they appealed to their Congressmen; attack at a vital point. that their Congressmen were heard

shipping promotion scheme and the cident to Mr. Burleson's own insistence that telephone and telegraph in fortifying their position.

service be a Government monopoly. Still another question as to rural free delivery is suggested by Mr. cured for the small force that was BURLESON's report. Before the Senate landed, and the late reports indicate Committee on Post Offices and Post that Greece will not enter a serious Roads last August he testified that were a portion of the rural delivery by the Allies. What action, however, service operated by private enterprise will Greece take regarding the purunder lease an annual saving of from suit of the retreating Anglo-French \$10,000,000 to \$18,000,000 would be troops? It is evident that she will effected. Have conditions changed oppose any attempt of the Bulgarians since last August or does that state- to cross her border. The ancient feud ment of Mr. Burleson's still hold?

In Defence of a Gentleman Without a Press Agent.

The Hon. WILLIAM CHARLES ADAM on, who represents the Fourth Geor gia district in the House of Representatives, may have said to the young upon him, "Go home and get married," and they may thereby have been made as hot as ginger. They should have remained cool and have prolonged their visit.

The sweetness of his nature makes it self-evident that never since that June day in 1874 when BILL ADAMSON Our compliments to Brother PER- was graduated from Bowdon College, KING, with whom it is so often THE Bowdon, Ga., could be ever have Sun's felicity to disagree. We dis- raised his voice except in kindness to cover no matter for controversy in his any women. He dotes upon the fair able letter to President Wilson com- sex; he strives gallantly to make menting on the Chief Executive's dec. agreeable the visits of women to the laration at Columbus that it is "none rooms of the Committee on Interstate of our business what the Mexicans and Foreign Commerce, where Colonel

Even had his suffragist callers not that "so long as I have the power to been young and pretty-a useless supprevent it nobody shall 'butt in' to position, unsupported by any visitors at the Capitol-had they not departed in gingery haste, Chairman ADAMSON President as a private citizen but as would have invited them to stay for coffee. His old negro messenger would have shuffled down to the House resparty. The fact that his relation to taurant for a pitcher of cream; the chairman would have brought forth from a card index cabinet a paper bag of lump sugar, a canister of fracation does not in the least impair grant Mocha, a spirit lamp and a tin coffeepot. None of your newfangled percolators for him; his is the almost lost art of brewing old fashioned bolled coffee.

It had been a keen pleasure for the ladies to watch the chairman gather and carefully wash his coffee service of water glasses and cups, his silver spoons, pour the bright brown brew steaming from the tin pot, add cream and sugar with many a solicitous inquiry as to quantity, briskly order the smiling messenger, "Here, you boy, step lively with those cups or I'll break your damn black head." pervading!

In debate Chairman Adamson, it is true, does at times turn upon an oppopent and in language which reveals the classical scholar, burn and wither But rude to women? Preposterous!

This paper never more cheerfully performed a public duty than in defending a public servant who never had a press agent or sent an inviting note to the press gallery.

The Good Name of the Two Services.

vice of the United States.

make odious such reformatory experi- Clure wouldn't surrender a convic- sique but a champion in the classroom. not apply them to establish any doctrine." bench. There must be no toleration mus or of Ind," or of Detroit. annex to local penal institutions.

movement for preparedness.

The Allies' Retreat Into Greece.

The retreat of the Anglo-French

actual experience, we believe, that an troops to the southern Vardar valley. responsibility and if honestly underone-half the cost of the prevalent one forecast the abandonment of the Bal- ants, because under the present cha-

volved putting a rather formidable this field seems more than ever im- which are nullified by the orders of number of able bodied voters out of perative. Apart from the question of bureaus having coordinate power. jobs. When an automobile would do honor involved in succoring Serbia The result of these conflicts of authe work of two or more shays and and preventing her territory from be- thority is unnecessary expense to the do it better the services of just that coming a political pawn to be played taxpayer, inefficiency in administraproportion of shay drivers would be- by Germany there must be considered tion and confusion of building operacome superfluous. Yet the change the effect of the abandonment upon tions and building maintenance. would mean a saving of millions of Greece and Rumania. Again, from a The Legislature of this year showed dollars to the Post Office Department military point of view, withdrawal a disposition to improve the present every year, and in any other than a from the Balkans would be a perilous practice, but its purpose was thwarted Government business enterprise this policy. It would present an oppor- by the differences of opinion which tunity to the Central Powers for the arose among the advocates of simpliestablishment of a much needed sub- fication with regard to the methods To put our navy on the seas. months ago that these contingently marine base on the Greek coast and to be adopted. The real estate insuperfluous job holders rose in their would leave the far flung Teutonic terests favored one plan, the ad- All other nations have their ships

from in Washington, and that, well, the Allies is to establish a base at lature of 1916 will be less hospitable that enthusiasm for automobile rural Salonica and to operate from there. to suggestions coming from this city delivery economies languished in the Their position could be fortified and than its predecessor. Post Office Department. Is this the at the same time be under protection fact or is it a mere academic abstract of ships in the harbor. Their delay in agreement between the city administion? It would be particularly in meeting the Balkan situation will tration and the real estate interests teresting to know just at this time prove costly; for, while a compara- on a reasonable and proper bill. This because the principle involved applies tively small force might have been can be attained if the first ambition To put our navy on to all Government business ventures, used with much effect in checking the of all concerned is the public wel-

such, for instance, as the proposed Teutonic advance, it will require a fare, and questions of patronage on FOR A MERCHANT MARINE. large army to dislodge the invaders the one hand and subtle attempts further plunge into state socialism in- now that they are in possession and have the advantage of months spent

> But a base at Salonica must imply the consent of Greece. This was seopposition to further use of this port between the two peoples has been embittered by the Bulgarian successes in the Serbian campaign and espe cially by the occupation of Monastir and Ferdinand's defiant proclamation that he intends to retain possession

of the town. The Central Powers evidently ap and attractive suffragists who called preclate this situation and are hurrying German and Austrian troops to the border. In case these cross the of King Constantine and his advisers will be stretched to the utmost to maintain the neutrality they have prothey can, it is difficult to see how Greece can escape having the war upon her own soil.

The Mutiny Aboard the Ark of Peace.

It seems like an frony of hospitality, so to speak, that dissension has broken out on the Ark of Peace, in the vasty deep somewhere east of Cape Race, despite mal de mer and other inconveniences of sea travel. The Oscar II. is a ship divided against herself. It is over President Wilson's appeal for preparedness in the mes-he returned, effervescent with piscasage he read to Congress that the torial reminiscence, the trouser pilgrims have fallen out, a majority were still unostentatiously barred to under the leadership of the Rev. CHARLES F. AKED, the imported San Francisco pastor, denouncing Mr. Wilson's "frightfulness" in a "declaration of principles," and a minority cantained by Editor S. S. McClure refusing to sign the round robin of

anathema. The score is 26 to 9 against the President, but among the mutineers paper headline are Mrs. BEN LINDSEY, Senator HELEN RING ROBINSON, GOVERNOR HANNA OF North Dakota and Bey Lindsey himself, the fighting Judge of the Children's Court in Denver. On which VAIN arrayed herself the wireless does not say, but the intrepld McClure is in good company anyway. There is a dark hint that the seceders in high dudgeon may quit the Ark at Souri. It is but the Government's plain duty in the development of this rich get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas themselves

We regret to see an attempt at losure aboard the Oscar II. The of- in the Congressman's home district. fender is no less a person than HENRY Forp, the head peacemaker. Resolving himself into a caucus of one. Mr. Forn has issued the following ultimatum: "Since it (the declaration of principles) is signed by the women some waving majority, it represents the sentiment Berlin news item. of the whole party. The minority Secretary Daniels is fully justified must stand with the majority. All the public stomach monarchs heed. in rebuking the Yonkers Judge who, are welcome." Imagine cracking the to a convicted chicken thief the op- and self-consecration as that of S. S. - Newspaper headline. tion of fail or joining the naval ser- McClure, who, besides, is as inde-

of the idea that either the army or So the flag of preparedness is Woods lumberjack. the navy can be used as a convenient hoisted by the brave band he leads, and it will never be hauled down. The misuse of either arm of the Whether the struggle goes on until service in this way and for this pur- the minority becomes the majority pose is not in step with the national and takes possession of the Oscar II. remains to be seen. Stranger sea stories have been told. What is hospitality between first class passengarian forces, however, present a seri- when the pilot appears to take the

Inspecting Buildings Hereabout.

But the failure of this unfortunate taken should reduce expenses. It is expedition can scarcely be taken to required by owners, builders and tenotic conditions nobody knows what stituting the auto for the shay in- So much is at stake that success in orders are intended to be obeyed and

that nothing was done. There is Apparently the only thing left for no reason to believe that the Legis- so there we are! Does Congress need

The problem is to bring about

to avoid proper regulation on the other are disregarded. A measure

honestly drawn to protect the interests of all concerned would, we believe, be speedily enacted into law.

unless it is accomplished in time. Two Pueblo Indians visiting Wash ngton proudly showed to President Wilson a silver headed cane given to HAM LINCOLN when he was President which ever since has been the Pueblo staff of office. Here is the Big Stick

Command of language is desirable but is not to be compared with command of ideas.

worth having and appropriately used.

When FRANCIS MARION COCKRELL, who died in Washington yesterday was the colleague of GEORGE GRAHAM VEST in the Senate everybody knew who the Senators from Missouri were Both belonged to the old school and made national reputations. They were sound lawyers and men of conviction frontier and undertake the pursuit of Hard workers in the committee rooms, the retreating Anglo-Freuch forces to these two friends were heard with re-Salonica all the diplomatic resources spect when they addressed the Senate Few States were as well represented in that body as Missouri. To-day the average man might guess at one Senator from Missouri, WILLIAM JOEL claimed. Dodging the issue as best STONE, but chiefly because he is known as "Gumshoe Billt"; the average man would be stumped to name the other Senator

> Christmas is gaining rapidly on th peace pilgrims.

While the Nebraskans have their ands in nominating folks for the Presidency we beg to remind them that The Same Old Bill is still us and open to conscription.

A lady suspicious of ulterior motive in her husband's projected fishing trip, in packing his kit pinned each entrance. No more deeply analytic detective work has been done since MARK TWAIN'S old lady chucked the -scissors, was it?-into the lap of the young he rascal disguised in petticuline fashion, by putting his knees together. This comment is made without prejudice in the marital tangle

CHAMP CLARK's boom starts.- News-And St. Louis is even hotter than Baltimore

Whatever the merits of Dr. GATES' arguments, the Protestant Bible would not lose in literary or "human" interside Mrs. INEZ MILHOLLAND BOISSE. est by adding a block of pages between the Old and New Testaments Apocrypha. These non-canonical books are mighty "readable."

> section .- Speaker CLARK. That, in the language of the mo

There isn't any pork or any

ment, is what they all say. "pork" is elsewhere; the "plain duty" Most things in this world admit of

compromises, but loyalty to a flag The place was packed with angry

some waving sticks and all yell-

ments on the part of the minor tion to him for "the wealth of Or- and to the professor, himself a giant

The Deer Drinking in the Blackberry the word "Apocrypha": Biver.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The gers on the Ark of Peace when the brings to my mind a beautiful rural The retreat of the Anglo-French army from Serbia is the not unexpected ending of the inadequate, ill advised relief expedition into the Balkans. Its retirement toward Salonica and the pursuit by the Teutonic-Buland the pursuit the river, as it played away over its strings of pebbles under its frozen sur-face, was disturbed by the snapping of its crystal bed as I swaked. Looking expand this topic. It would be instructive to know why the system of free rural delivery by automobiles has not been developed to the gratifying possibilities its partial application, notably in Indiana, so positively foremated by more than a diversion of Bulgarian and it effected little whatever the construction of Bulgarian and it effected little where the construction of Bulgarian and it effected little where the construction and alteration of buildings in New York is demanded in the public interest because it will centralize authority and the honestly understant of the six State and city departments which now supervise the construction and alteration of buildings in New York is demanded in the public interest because it will centralize authority and the honestly understant of the system of the construction and alteration of buildings in New York is demanded in the public interest because it will centralize authority and the honestly understant of the projected consolidation of the six State and city departments which now supervise the construction and alteration of buildings in New York is demanded in the public interest because it will be as I awaked. Looking from my window I saw a deer cracking from my window I saw a deer cracking the with his hoof. Startled by my presence, he looked at me with his deep fringed brown eyes and then bent his now supervise the construction and alteration of buildings in New York is demanded. Looking from my window I saw a deer cracking from my window I saw a deer cra

the laurel leaves, and was gone.

If such beautiful creatures of the forest must be killed it does indeed seem but fair to ask that it be done only in cases of positive necessity and then in A. C." is in doubt I wish he would cases of positive necessity and then in as humane a way as possible. JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 13. Concerning Our Navy.

It's up to our Congress, good and hard. To do the legal act To put us where our enemies Can whack us, or be whacked And Uncle Sam would like to know If statesmen mean, by gun To put our navy on the seas,

We've got to have the ships to fight We want to go to stay But can we stay? That's what, and Or put it on the bum!

To stand up with the Pow A etronger medium We don't want ships for making bluffs.

Nobody need be ecared; We are not looking for a scree. Or put it on the bum?

Loss of the United States Through Foreign Freight Charges.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 is encouraging to learn that a body of the character and standing of the United States Chamber of Commerce is the sturdy and uncompromising friend of the American mercantile marine, and that the question of bringing our ship-ping to a satisfactory stage of develop-Preparedness can be of no value ant will have a prominent place in the discussions at the February meeting of the chamber.

The Chamber of Commerce has just

sent out a statement which reviews the present weak condition of our mercanile marine and presents some facts ing "a startling situation." It appears from this statement that "60 per cent. of the big and able steamers of the world are owned by Great Britain and not 7 per cent. by the United States," and, according to the Troy Times, the trade and wealth of the United States, the trade have at their dispensionly about the trade and wealth of the United States have at their disposal only about one-tenth of the shipping facilities avail-able to the British merchants and manfacturers, and that to carry the bull of our sea borne commerce we have to rely on the ships of friendly nations. Concluding, the statement says:

The estimated result is that every year 800,000,000 leaves the United States to the form of freight payments for deposit keep but also the construction of ships of portion to their trade.

The case as thus presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States should appeal to every American who desires to see his country made in dependent as a transporter of its own commerce on the sea.

The American foreign trade in the ten months ended October of this year amounted to \$4,317,000,000, and less than 10 per cent. of it was carried in Amercan ships. Foreigners got more than 90 per cent. of the freight moneys paid that vast volume of business,

That is the way we have been losing year after year because of our need of American oceangoing thips. Will Congress ever stop this ruinus loss? WALTER J. BALLARD.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 7.

THE APOCRYPHA

Authorities for Its Right to a Place in the Protestant Bible.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir has been raised by the Rev Milo H. Gates, who says it is time r Protestants to demand from the ble societies, which are the chief publishers of the Protestant version of the a Bible mutilated by the omission of the apocryphal books. He said:

One of the greatest libraries of eacre writings is contained in what is known as "The Apocrypha." In that are contained such wonderful books as "The Wisdom of Solomon," "Ecclesiasticus" and "The Song of the Three Children," from which com each Sunday by millions of Christians.

In reply to this the president of the American Bible Society defended the action of the society in omitting th American Bible Society defended the ac-tion of the society in omitting the Apocrypha as being "in historic accord with the principles of Protestantism and in harmony with Protestant belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures." It is stated that over 180,000,000 Bibles and portions of the Bible have been issued by the Bible Society in 370 languages and dialects. The omission of the Apocrypha from these millions of volumes is important, whether from a literary and historic point of view o

the purely religious.

The apocryphal books, until at least within a comparatively recent period have generally been included in Protestant Bibles. In the Bible as published by the London Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and for the use of families." in 1856, the Apocrypha was included. The notes and introwas included. ductions to the Apocrypha in this edition clearly indicate authority with that It also quotes Wheatley whose books. When peace congresses convene in works are standard authority

Church of England, as follows: In conformity to the general practice he early Christian churches, the Church of may dictate size and weight of the race. England still continues the use of the -Newspaper headline. McClure, who, besides, is as inderice of the United States.

This is not the first incident of the
lived. All may be welcome to th kind. Prompt action is required to groaning board of Forn, but Sam Mcmous ex-halfback a boy puny in phylife and instructing manners, but yet doth

most of the leading divines and pro-fessors of the Church of England con-tributed, this statement is made under

All the copies of the Sariptures which To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: The discussion of the Connecticut deer taw brings to my mind a beautiful rural books, without the slightest intimation

called the Bible, even in Protestant editions, contained the apocryphal books.

They give weight to the charge that
the people are being robbed of a part
of what through the centuries has been NEW YORK, December 18.

BRIDGEPORT'S FORTUNE. A New England Stronghold of Real

stop at Carr's Grill in Bridgeport and ask Mrs. Carr for some of sister's mince ple. It is so safe that the family eat it; does the maker herself, and I am sure it would pass Dr. Wiley's inspection with honors.

I have not had any since 7:30 last vening, and my mouth still waters when My Yankee grandmother made the best of mince pies, and what I ate last evening was as good. I do not remember if I ever stole any of grandmother's as late as midnight. E. L. S. E. I. S. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., December 13.

History of the Constitution. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. I was

much amused by Rossiter Johnson's let-ter about the United States Constitution. Is it possible that even in 1915 so little is known, even by scholars, of the etery of Those who are etfli deluded on this sub-

Naw York, December 11.

ject I would respectfully refer to a work sessed four or five years ago called "The History of the United States Constitution."

by Theodore Myers. In this book he will Constitute the properties of dear? etionably get "pumpkin ple withou Poor Benjamin Franklin. ANECDOTAGE.

Plenty of Time. Knicker-How does Jones think we should prepare?

Booker—He evidently thinks any nation at might want to swallow us would

FIFTH AVENUE TRAFFIC. Suggested Rules to Supplement the

Semaphore System. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The semaphore system alone will not solve the problem of traffic regulation in Fifth other system the combination will solve the problem which has baffled traffic experts for years. The complementary system requires that the Police Comuted, two weeks before they go into effect, by the police to every driver of a vehicle who will possibly have cause to ise Fifth avenue or to cross that avenue ough one of the side streets. It all systems looking toward the solution of the Fifth avenue traffic problem with-out notifying the drivers or chauffeurs,

consequently these interested persons are ignorant of what is expected. Fifth avenue from Twenty-sixth street to Fifty-ninth street would be the area covered, and it would not be necessary to dispense with the semaphores, for they would be essential to the proper con of the new system. The semaphores but the officer at Forty-se would be the one in charge of them, all other officers along the route acting on his instructions. When the officer at his instructions. his semaphore into a certain por he other officers would be expe

It would be necessary to designate all the even numbered streets, such as Thirty-eighth, Fortieth, &c., as eastbound traffic streets, while the odd num-bered streets would be designated for westbound traffic. The traffic on Fifth the drivers and chauffeurs on the carriages and autos on Fifth avenue re-ceived the signal to stop they would be expected to line up close together, clos-ing up the gaps, so that room would be eft for the crosstown traffic.

Suppose a driver were coming south East Thirty-eighth street. The driver could not cross Fifth avenue and swine Thirty-eighth street. would to drive west Thirty-sinth street, a westbound street, to Sixth avenue, down Sixth avenue to Thirty-eighth street and across Fifth avenue at the proper time. This, of course, would mean a rather drive, but it would obviate the sion caused by trying to cross through the traffic on the avenue and would have the tendency to make drivers hoose the Sixth avenue route for the entire trip, unless the passenger was In this way it is presumed raffic on Fifth avenue would nsistent

be reduced considerably.

Drivers using the side wishing to go clear across Fifth avenue would be expected to keep to the middle of the street, while drivers intending to turn north or south on Fifth would be expected to keep close

NEW YORK, December 13.

THE CHASE OF THE HAT. Nomination of a Feminist for Mem-

bership in the Board of Strategy. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Was Alton B. Parker who said that any voman who drove an automobile was an X. X.; that any automobile that allowed itself to be so driven was a Y. Y. Y.; and that any one who said it wasn't so was a Z. Z. or was it that other numanist, the twenty-sixth President of he United States? Well, whatever the unewer, it is hardly to the point. To-day, at a corner of St. Paul's the other, full of brotherly love and ad-

venture, lurch for it and miss it, the hat going on well above the speed limit; then I saw a woman lurch for it and niss it; and—now my story:
At the third miss the hat was at the curb, which dammed an expansive lake of the dirtiest water that ever held : at lurch again or she would be in the Ho water; the hat was going in, and there was hardly a measure of 'ime in the watch shop opposite long enough to allow it to be prevented. An inanimate like that other guy. We don't keep no loaded revolvers at home, 'cause we services rendered should be sent to be prevented. An inanimate like that other guy. We don't keep no loaded revolvers at home, 'cause we services rendered should be sent to be prevented. after her failure, quicker than the eye could follow, made a graceful little spring forward toward the curb and

and to the professor, himself a giant of intellect, a son with the brain of a peanut and the body of a North Woods lumberjack.

That seems to decide very definitely the historical ground on which the put on the war board. Drive automobiles! Why, have they not driven men ever since the first verse of the first chapter of this world, and what could be chapter of this world, and what could be a possible proposition than the put on the war board. The proposition is the professor. Woods lumberjack.

Civilization knows how to make war, but it seems without effective method but it seems without effective method. New York, date not given, to which most of the leading divines and proposition than that?

New York date not given, to which the most of the leading divines and proposition than that? side, which you will better appreciate if you will only give them a chance to vote, you anti-Byzantine logothetes!

MARRIED MAN. Naw York, December 11.

HESSIAN SOLDIERS.

Reference to the American Diary of One of Their Officers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Per mit me to add a brief chapter on the Hessians. Of course "Hessians." as used by our ancestors, meant all the German mercenary troop. It included the Auspach-Bayreuthers, whose captured colors are at West Point; they surrendered at Yorktown

Now it seems to me Anspach-Bay-reuth and the Hohenzollerns are rather closely connected, and if you read the diary of Döhla of the Voit Regiment you will learn that it belonged to the High Prince and Lord Christian Friedrich Carl Alexander, Markgrave of Brandenburg. The Prince's title in monogram is on the colors, "M. Z. B." and in the spearhead is his own mono-gram, "C. F. C. A." The author makes no mention of any one interfering with

the regiment in Germany.
Incidentally the book contains some vary curious descriptions of cities, including New York. NEW YORK, December 13.

Sun's editorial article of December 8 on the President's attitude toward pre-paredness suggested Villon's poem on "The Snows of Yesteryear," and that induced the following: THE SNOWS OF TESTERYBAI

What of the vow that Woodrow gave? That vow for votes he made so brave: That caucus rule no more we'd fear? Gone like the snows of yesteryear

What of the pledge, tolls must be free And pletform yows must secred be? Gone like the one term pledge, we fear; Gone Mke the enows of yesteryear.

Where now is pittless publicity? That promise of his Excellency; Gone, and we shed a sorrowing t

Where are the high ideals we thought He'd bring into the place he sought, Amid the din of spollemen's cheer? Gone like the snows of yesteryear.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.

AULA NASSOVICA.

Confusion Caused by Neo-Casarian Honors to the House of Nassau.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITS TO Princeton men appear as Nassoviar If they are not called Princetonian they should be named Nassovicans, with a "c" in it.

the College of New Jersey When moved from Newark to Princetor twenty years before the Declaration of Independence and the college building was to be ohristened, many were in favor of Belcher Hall, in honor of the provincial Governor who had engineered the charter. Beicher declined the honor, saying that the compliment should paid to the house of Nassau: hence

Usage extended the name of the building to the institution, and the College of Now Jersey became metonymously in familiar speech Nassau Hall. What is a son of Old Nassau in Latinized, academic form? Nassau Hall in old formal documents was Aula Nasso-

vica, not Nassovia. What can the de-In recent Princetonian print "Nassovicans" In recent Princetonian print "Nassovicans" has appeared. It is a poor attempt at a good thing. Princetonians who amuse themselves with mild Latinity should be Nassovicans.

New York, December 18.

THE SULLIVAN LAW. Snapshot of Its Workings in This

City. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNbeg leave to offer to the readers of THE Sun a one act farcical interlude entitled. "The Workings of the Sullivan Law."

CHARACTERS.
The Spirit of Law as Applied. This is and"-many influences. He wears a Judge"

and roundsman's show A Law Abiding American Citizen. Hum bly conscientious and conscientiously hum

at so much a murd and a white slaver on from a baby carriage to a trust compan if he has his "stinger" with him and a

Court attendants, hangers on and policemen, all of whom sneer at Law Abid

ing American Citizen.
Scene, any court of injustice. Spirit of Law, having mounted the "First case! Oh, you," to Amer-Mizen, who has stepped forward You are charged with a violation the Sullivan law in that you have in your possession and keep in your home dangerous weapon, a loaded revolver What have you to say in your defence? Law Abiding American Citizen: "If your Honor please, I do keep a loaded revolver at home. I tried to get a pera sparsely settled section of the city where robberies often happen and that tect did not seem to the authorities sufficient reason why I should have permit, notwithstanding my good char-acter, so it was denied me. However, your Honor, I hold the Sullivan law to be unconstitutional because the Constitution of the United States in Article II. of the amendments says, 'A well regulated militia being neces security of a free State, the right of th people to keep and bear arms shall not

be infringed,' and I am an American Spirit of Law: "Is that all you've got to say? Haven't you got any more sense than to come to this law court and plead any rights under the Constitution of the United States as a de What's the Constitution United States to a State made law like the Sullivan law, anyway? You yourself admit a violation of the Sullivan law, which is a felony, so that you are a felon. I find you guilty and remand

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bills which were introduced at the bills which were bill which were bills which were bills which were bills which were b th' Sullivan law, an' if you don't mind, Now, your I'll speak for me an' him. us both and what kind ator Brown, Honor, you know us both and what kind of guys we is. We never carry no guns no evidence that we was usin' our guns when we was pinched. Now was there?"

Spirit of the Law: "Yes, I know both of you, and sometimes I am almost suspicious that you may, now and then, county. Would it not be more discounty. no evidence that we was usin' our guns | dered?" could follow, made a graceful little spring forward toward the curb and planted the toe of her boot on the hat if was of the soft variety), and there it hung over the abyas until the owner closed the incident.

If we do go to war with Greece after all, I should like to have that woman li, I should like to have that woman in the many of our fair clay rot say, you were all, I should like to have that woman in the many of our fair clay rot say, you were not actually using your revolvers at the time of your arrest, so on that technicality I discharge you. But I ask you in the name of our fair clay rot say, you were not actually using your revolvers at the time of your arrest, so on that technicality I discharge you. But I ask you in the name of our fair clay rot to discharge you cannot be a formed to be nore to the borough governments." cality I discharge you. But I ask you in the name of our fair city not to discharge your weapons unless you think it absolutely necessary. It gives the town

FLY LEAF LETTERS.

Books by Parcel Post Forbidden? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: I have purchased a handsomely bound book which for its contents will, I happen to know, be acceptable to a man who has a splendid library of books which he has read. If my estimate of the trajectory of the parcel post is correct he will receive this book on Christmas Day.

President?"

"That would violate the principle that such matters should be in the hands a group instead of an individual. The people of the various countles projectly look to the board for responsibility. This responsibility should not be divided."

I wish to address a few words to my tided. friend which have a point bearing on the subject of the book. There is room for them on a fly leaf and they would that the chief clerk of the Kings C. that the chief clerk of the Kings Country country of the many state of the country of the country of the same of the country of the same of the country of the same of the kings Country of the country of the country of the same of the kings Country of the countr tholograph address and comment by the donor?

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\$2,000. HYPERITE. MOUNT VERNON, December 13.

"BUTTING IN."

Refinements of Intervention in Mex- cally expended by the Board of Eico and in Hayti.

Truly a most commendable doctrine—but why are our marines in Hayti?

duced appropriations for faultor s and building repairs, for instance cause it was clearly shown that BERWYN, Pa., December 11.

Disastrous Effects of a Sin of "The Sun's." TO THE EDITOR OF THE SEN-Sir: In thirty-three years reading of Tue Sex I were required. When a common distribution of think I have ever been more dis-

taken on in an editorial capacity some the Mayor,

der if President Wilson has been reading the "Great War Syndicate," by Frencis Richard Stockton.

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Richard Stockton. WRITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., December 13. sion of relief in such a case as this

MAYOR PLEADS FOR HOME RULE IN CITY

Tells Brown Committee Responsibility Should Rest With

"The Board of Estimate is theore cally responsible for the financial admi istration of the several departments the city government. We believe should be actually responsible. We sin ply ask the State to give us the pow and we'll agree to face the music."

In these words Mayor Mitchel, testif ing before the Brown legislative comm summed up his plea for a larger measu of home rule. The Mayor was the o witness, and he had not finished his test mony when the committee adjourned resume its inquiry at 11 o'clock this morning. Comptroller Prendergast and President McAneny of the Board of Aldermen were present during the after

oon, and one or the other will follow the Mayor on the stand The committee, of which Senator Elon R. Brown, majority leader in the State Senate, is chairman, was created by the Legislature to investigate the finances of New York city.

Seen Need of Relief Here.

After Mayor Mitchel had been an wering questions for more than an hour esterday Senator Brown said "It is apparent that you ought to have relief of some kind, and we are here

ry to give it to you."
Once, however, when Mr. Mitchel care he would like to see increased powers guaranteed the Board of Estimate by the Constitution Senator Brown expressed his opposition. He cited the case of Rensselaer county in support of his position that the State should not forfe: ts authority to act in financial matters "I have never advocated any measu of home rule which would interfere with the sovereignity of the State," the Mayor "We seek only independer explained. act for ourselves on local matter the belief that a benefit, economical ar administrative, would be effected if merged into one. The controversy be tween the Board of Estimate and the Board of Education was aired in sup-port of the Board of Estimate's conten

tion that it is the better qualified the educational department's "Should the city have jurisdiction over the departments of justice?"

"It should not interfere with the ad

have the power to fix the rate of so aries of court attendants and e ployees." Virtually the same answer was given to the question "Should the city go ernment regulate the office of the 19

ministration of justice."

trict Attorney Mayor Points to Police.

"Isn't the preservation of the peace a State function," asked Chairman Brown "The work of the police is not." sat Mr. Mitchel, The Mayor in answer to other tions said he believed the city also fix the number of employees the salaries in the County Clerk's

Sheriff's offices, Estimate is complaining "If the Legislature had enacted to

"But some of the legislators did seem disposed to enact them," said "Isn't it a fundamental princip overnment that the compensation "I don't think so," replied the M

upon to consider all kinds needs."

Wants Responsibility Centred Are Affectionate Inscriptions in Gift "What injury could possibly come

The Mayor read a list of salaries New York county, whose salary is f by the Board of Estimate, is paid

The discussion of the Board of cation's finances was invoked b question "Is there any indicat the fund segregated by the I Education would be any me than by the Education Board' "Indeed there is," replied the M To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: In his speech before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Mr. Wilson is quoted as Testeryear.

The Mexicans may not know what to do with their Government, but that is none of word "Yesteryear" in the caption of The Sun's editorial article of December 8 in the President's attitude toward pre
Truly a most comparedness suggested Yills. Education Board's demands

Comptroller Prendergast the information that the Boa timate had found that fiftydo not think I have ever been more distributed than in reading an editorial paragraph in the issue of December 6. "Will we ever get taxation without misrepresentation?"

Why "will"? It looks as if you had "Perhaps a little of each," suit the Mayor.

recent college graduate.

E. L. Gairrin.

P. S. The unevenness of the chirography is due to resort to drink caused by your grammar.

C. December 11.

Chairman Brown, explaining the select county case, said that where the grammar is superintendent of the poer were the Democratic Supervisors to the the assistants and reduced the Speculation as to Mr. Wilson's Choice of Department of Legislature, much against its fixing the pay of the Sheriff's "Thus we provided for the

Board of Estimate.

WANTS GREATER POWER